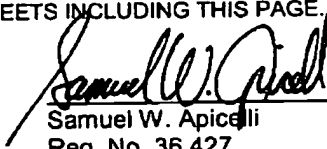


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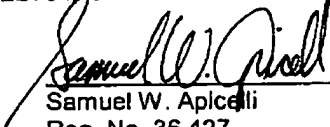

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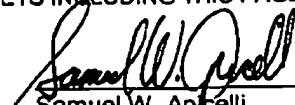
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified Application, please
amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
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